

Presidential Message Re Viet Nam: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his determination of a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Viet Nam—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-227).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1113.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1037, H1075-76, H1076-77, H1083, and H1084. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the status of the USDA's farm loan programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gus Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Carolyn Cooksie, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Terry L. Medley, Administrator, Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service; Enrique Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Supreme Court, Architect of the Capitol, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Patent and Trademark Office and the Technology Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology; Raymond Kammer, Director, National Insti-

tute of Standards and Technology; and Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Terry R. Lash, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency. Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute on Deafness and on Other Communication Disorders, and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; James F. Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Philip Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a

hearing on Intelligence Programs. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 98 Supplemental. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William Lynn, Comptroller.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and George Warrington, Acting President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued hearings on EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

CREDIT UNION COMMON BOND REQUIREMENT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing to review the Supreme Court's decision regarding the credit union common bond requirement and the appropriate Congressional response to the ruling. Testimony was heard from Representatives Paul, LaTourette, Kanjorski, Cannon, Smith of Michigan, Baker, Kennedy of Massachusetts and Ehrlich; Richard Carnell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Norman D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998; H.R. 2864, amended, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Compliance Assistance Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 2877, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons; and H. Res. 267, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF REGULATORY ANALYSIS CREATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Kelly; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998.

The Committee ordered reported unfavorably H. Con. Res. 277, directing the President pursuant to section 5 (c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Committee favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 364, amended, urging the introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; and H. Res. 361, amended, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 3303, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General; and Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration.

DEFENSE REFORM INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the implementation of the November 1997 Defense Reform Initiative. Testimony was heard from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

MISSION CAPABILITY RATES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on mission capability rates. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Thomas Burnette, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans; and Lt. Gen. John Coburn, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, both with the Department of the Army; Vice Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN,

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations; Vice Adm. William J. Hancock, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations; Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Stewart, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics; Lt. Gen. Terrence R. Dake, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation; and Brig. Gen. Bruce B. Byrum, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation, all from the Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Patrick K. Gamble, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations; and Lt. Gen. William P. Hallin, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, both with the Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY; H.R. 2376, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997; H.R. 2416, amended, to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the U.S. Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection; H.R. 2807, amended, Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act; H.R. 3087, amended, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugach Alaska Corporation; H.R. 3113, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3164, amended, Hydrographic Service Improvement Act of 1998.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Government Reform and Oversight Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as read. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with

House rules. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Horn, Sessions, Kucinich and Maloney of New York.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1757, Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on the Line Item Veto After One Year, the Process and Its Implementation. Testimony was heard from June O'Neill, Director, CBO; former Representative William F. Clinger, Jr., State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on Defining Successful Partnerships and Collaborations in Scientific Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Henry Longest, II, Acting Assistant Administrator, Research and Development; Costel Denson, Chairman, Executive Committee, Board of Scientific Counselors; Philip Hopke, member, Clean Air Science Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board; Charles E. Kolb, member, Committee on Research Opportunities and Priorities for the EPA, National Research Council; and Ishwar Murarka, Vice Chairman, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended the following measures: H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997; and H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure.

The Committee approved 1 Public Building Resolution and 7 Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

SUPERFUND ACCELERATION, FAIRNESS, AND EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3039, amended, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; H.R. 3211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery; and H.R. 3213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D195)

S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building". Signed March 9, 1998. (P.L. 105-161)

S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry

Doby Post Office". Signed March 9, 1998. (P.L. 105-162)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Development Financial Institute, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Joint Committee on Printing, the Joint Economic Committee, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Sergeant at Arms, the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, and the Office of Compliance, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Supreme Court, and the Judiciary, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on science and technology programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, focusing on environmental management, non-proliferation, and fissile materials disposition, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1423, to modernize and improve the Federal Home Loan Bank System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for programs of the U.S. Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold closed hearings on intelligence issues relating to Chinese nuclear cooperation with various countries, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the new generation of African leaders and their impact on African democracy, 2 p.m., SD-419.